

REMARKS

Claims 7-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 1 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Farrow et al (US 6,680,843 B2). Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lan (US 6,657,857). Claims 7 and 8 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claims 2 and 3. Claims 2-3 and 5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

1. Rejection of claims 7-8 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph:

Claims 7-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claims the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 7 recites "The flat panel display personal computer of claim 1."

Response:

Claim 7 has been amended to depend upon claim 6 instead of claim 1. Reconsideration of claims 7-8 is requested.

2. Rejection of claims 1 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e):

Claims 1 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Farrow et al (US 6,680,843 B2) for reasons of record, as recited on page 3 of the above-indicated Office action.

Response:

Claims 1 and 6 have each been amended to contain limitations previously found in claims 2 and 7. In the

above-indicated Office action, the Examiner had indicated that claim 2 would be allowable if written in independent form. The limitations of claim 2 which distinguish from the cited prior art have been added to claim 1 to put claim 1 in allowable form. Similarly, the same limitations found in claim 7 have been added to claim 6 in order to put claim 7 in allowable form. Farrow et al do not teach or suggest protruded portions of side plates of the drive carrier inserted into apertures of side plates of the chassis module. No new matter has been added through these amendments. Reconsideration of claims 1-3 and 6-8 is respectfully requested.

3. Rejection of claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e):

Claims 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lan (US 6,657,857) for reasons of record, as recited on pages 3-4 of the above-indicated Office action.

Response:

The instant application relies on foreign priority under 35 U.S.C 119(a)-(d) of Taiwan application No. 090124208, filed on 09/28/2001. The instant application is an accurate translation of the corresponding Taiwan application. Therefore, all subject matter taught in the US application is also taught in the Taiwan application.

Since the priority date of the Taiwan application is earlier than the earliest effective US filing date (01/29/2002) of the Lan (US 6,657,857) patent, the foreign priority papers and the statement of the accurate translation effectively overcome the rejection of claim

4 using the Lan patent.

In addition, claim 4 contains the limitation of "a cover
fixed outside of the disk drive and slidably fastened
within the drive carrier so as to position the disk drive
in the drive carrier". Farrow et al do not teach the disk
drive having a cover that is slidably fastened within the
drive carrier. Instead, Farrow et al only teach a drive
carrier. Similarly, the Wooden et al (US 6,445,576) and
Olson et al (6,519,138) patents also do not teach this
feature. Therefore, claim 4 is patentable over each of the
cited prior art. Reconsideration of claim 4 is respectfully
requested.

Moreover, claim 5 has been amended to contain only the
same limitations of claim 2 that have been added to claim
1. The remaining limitations of claim 5 have been written
in new claim 9, which is dependent on claim 5.
Reconsideration of claim 5 and acceptance of claim 9 is
respectfully requested.

4. Objection to claims 7-8 under 37 CFR 1.75:

Claims 7-8 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being
a substantial duplicate of claims 2 and 3, respectively.

Response:

Claim 7 has been amended to depend upon claim 6 instead
of claim 1. Reconsideration of claims 7-8 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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